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The Daily Standard.

Thursday, July 6, 1871.

A New Tariff.

Within the last week, our local cotemporary delivered itself of an article on the tariff. Its object in doing so was quite transparent—it was purely an electioneering affair,—in the interest of the recent defeated candidate for Nanaimo. The public were originally told that the Legislature would have no voice except between the Canadian and the British Columbia tariff,—and to cap the climax, it had informed from some mysterious personage at Ottawa, that a tariff intermediate between ours and the Canadian would not be conceded by the Ottawa Government. Now, we place no reliance whatever on its statements, as they are contrary to the views of the Canadian Government deliberately expressed; and besides that, nothing has occurred since to change their views. It will be recollect that on June 3d, but a month ago, a dispatch was published in the Gazette, by command of the Governor, which dispatch was from Lord Lytton, accompanied by the report of the Finance Minister, endorsed by the Ottawa Cabinet. Now, it is not at all likely that within the past month any such change in the opinion of the Cabinet could have occurred as is now mentioned by the Colonist. Speaking of the resolution that passed the Council for a New Tariff, neither our present one nor the Canadian, Sir Francis Hincks said:—“In the opinion of the undersigned, it is not expedient that the Government should come to any conclusion as to the proposed modification of the tariff of British Columbia until after the establishment of the new constitution. Should the new Legislature concur in the recommendation of the Legislative Council, the Dominion Parliament would, in the opinion of the undersigned, be inclined to consider them favorably.” This, recollect, was endorsed by the Cabinet, and we regard it as a final and conclusive opinion till the next Legislature shall have expressed its views on the tariff. Hence, the utterance of our cotemporary, that no modification of the tariff would be entertained by the Canadian Cabinet, may justly be viewed as pure romance. Further, we entertain the opinion that the Opposition in the House of Commons would not offer the least objection to such a modification of the tariff as this colony really requires. The matter is so very trifling to the Dominion; but so important to the agricultural and commercial interests of this colony, that neither Opposition nor Government would be likely to raise an objection to such a change in the present Canadian tariff as would meet the views of all classes of our population. Now, this journal has ever held that such a tariff should be framed for British Columbia by the Dominion Government as would foster and protect the different industrial interests of this country. The dispatch of Sir F. Hincks beyond doubt shows a disposition to act on that basis,—and if the next Assembly ask for such a new tariff as will suit this colony, we have no doubt whatever but we shall get it. The question then arises, what kind of a tariff ought we to have? So far as we can gather the opinion of the country, from the commercial and agricultural classes,—from the consuming population,—there is but very little that divides public opinion on the tariff. Commercial men want the Canadian tariff. The farmers want it too; but they want in addition such provisions as will protect their produce from competition with American produce in our own market. The nature and extent of this protection is confined to but very few articles, and it is secured, will keep much money in our country, instead of shipping it abroad to enrich foreigners whilst it impoverishes our own farmers. The articles on which protection is asked are cereals, butter, cheese, bacon, hay, hops, vegetables, cattle, sheep, and pork. The last items are generally given protection now under the Canadian tariff; but our own tariff on horses, hogs and sheep would meet much better the views of farmers than the Canadian tariff. On the seven articles, there is either no duty under the Canadian tariff, or a much higher duty than our own tariff imposes. Our tariff gives the farmers such protection as satisfies them. The Canadian tariff will not. The farmers will be represented in the Assembly by fourteen members out of twenty-five. They will hold the majority and will have the power to carry out their views. Hence it would be the very height of folly to insist on the adoption of the Canadian tariff, without provision for the protection of such farming produce as we have enumerated. There is nothing in the world to gain by opposing the farmers. If they asked for the perpetuation of a high tariff on dry goods, clothing, hardware, tropical merchandise, spina, tobacco, flour, etc., then there would be some reason in saying that we would gain by the adoption of the Canadian tariff. But they do not. In every particular except the seven articles mentioned, they are with the importer—with the merchant. As regards the duty on flour, the farmers on this Island generally wish to see it abolished. There are a few who entertain different views,—and there is no doubt whatever that if there was railway communication with Illoot and Cetco Creek country, that we would be supplied as cheaply with flour, and of as good a quality, as we can get from Oregon or California; and in such case, the protection of flour would be beneficial. But as there is no railway and cheap freight, and as the farmers West of the Cascades do not devote much attention to making flour, they consider that their interest is identical with the four con-

sumers in this city or Nanaimo, and would have no objection—rather prefer—to see the flour duty abolished. We believe that we have given the true state of the case so far as the views of the farmers are concerned respecting the tariff. On the other hand we believe there are very few among the commercial and industrial classes who are not liberal enough to compromise the question of the tariff by conceding all, which is but very little, that the farmers ask. Such a compromise would unite the commercial and farming interests together,—both would prosper by it,—and neither would lose. But if the extreme opinion is urged that the Canadian tariff in its entirety must be adopted, or the British Columbian tariff in its entirety must be adopted, an injury will be done. But by a mean between the two extremes, we will satisfy the just expectations of merchants and farmers, and benefit the country as a whole.

New Advertisements

Found. **On the EVENING OF THE 4th INST.** At the Calumet Picnic, a Necklace, or a chain of beads, and a small box, for this advertisement will receive the above article. **15c**

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W. H. WOODCOCK.

To the Mayor of the City of Victoria.

WE THE UNDERSIGNED RESPECTFULLY
RECOMMEND to the Mayor of Victoria, for the
particular purpose of organizing arrangements for the
proper celebration of the Admission of this Colony into the
Dominion of Canada, on the 20th inst.

G. M. COOPER,
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Lamley Franklin,
H. H. Turner,
A. D. Denman,
Edgar Fawcett,
T. A. McLean,
J. C. Hobson,
Robt. Carr,
R. H. Morris,
Robert Beaven,
Joseph Wilson.

REPLY: **RECEIVED**
IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE FOREGOING
REQUEST I hereby call a meeting of the citizens
of Victoria to be held at the Council Chambers,
Broad street, this (Thursday) afternoon, at the hour of
4 o'clock.

(Signed) **JAS. H. MCILLAN,** Chasman, M. C.

Victoria, July 6th, 1871. **15c**

WILLIAM D. PATTERSON,
Civil Engineer and Land Surveyor.

Inquire at Mr. Mallardine's Office,
GOVERNMENT STREET. **15c**

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AUCTIONEERS, APPRAISERS,
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AND
COMMISSION AGENTS,

Wharf Street, Victoria.

BE TO ANNOUNCE THAT THEY HAVE
TAKEN UP THE LEASE OF THE WHARF, OPPOSITE
THE FISH MARKET, FROM THE GOVERNMENT,
TO THE ABOVE NAMES, AND BY PROXIMITY AND
ATTENTION, THEY HOPE TO RECEIVE A SHARE OF THE PUBLIC
EXPOSURE, STOCK IN TRADE, FURNITURE PURCHASED
ETC.

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